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### REMARKS

Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been amended. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 3 and 4 remain pending. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application, as amended are requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 4 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakao et al. (US 5,671,315). The Examiner indicated claims 2 and 3 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

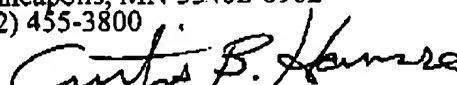
The limitations of claim 2 have been amended into claims 1 and 4. Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form. As a consequence, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 1 and 4 is moot.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested. Allowance of claims 1, 3 and 4 at an early date is solicited.. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Curtis B. Hamre, Reg. No. 29,165 at (612) 455-3802.

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